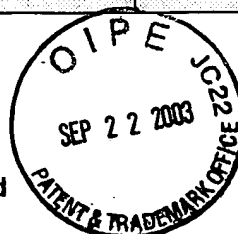


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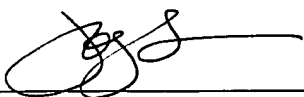
- ☐ Within three months of the application filing date, or before mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.
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Respectfully submitted,

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